

# ***Expanding Kyrgyzstan's Exports under the GSP Program***



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# *Summary of Presentation*

- **Introduction to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program**  
**GSP Program**
- **U.S. imports from Kyrgyzstan through the U.S. GSP Program**
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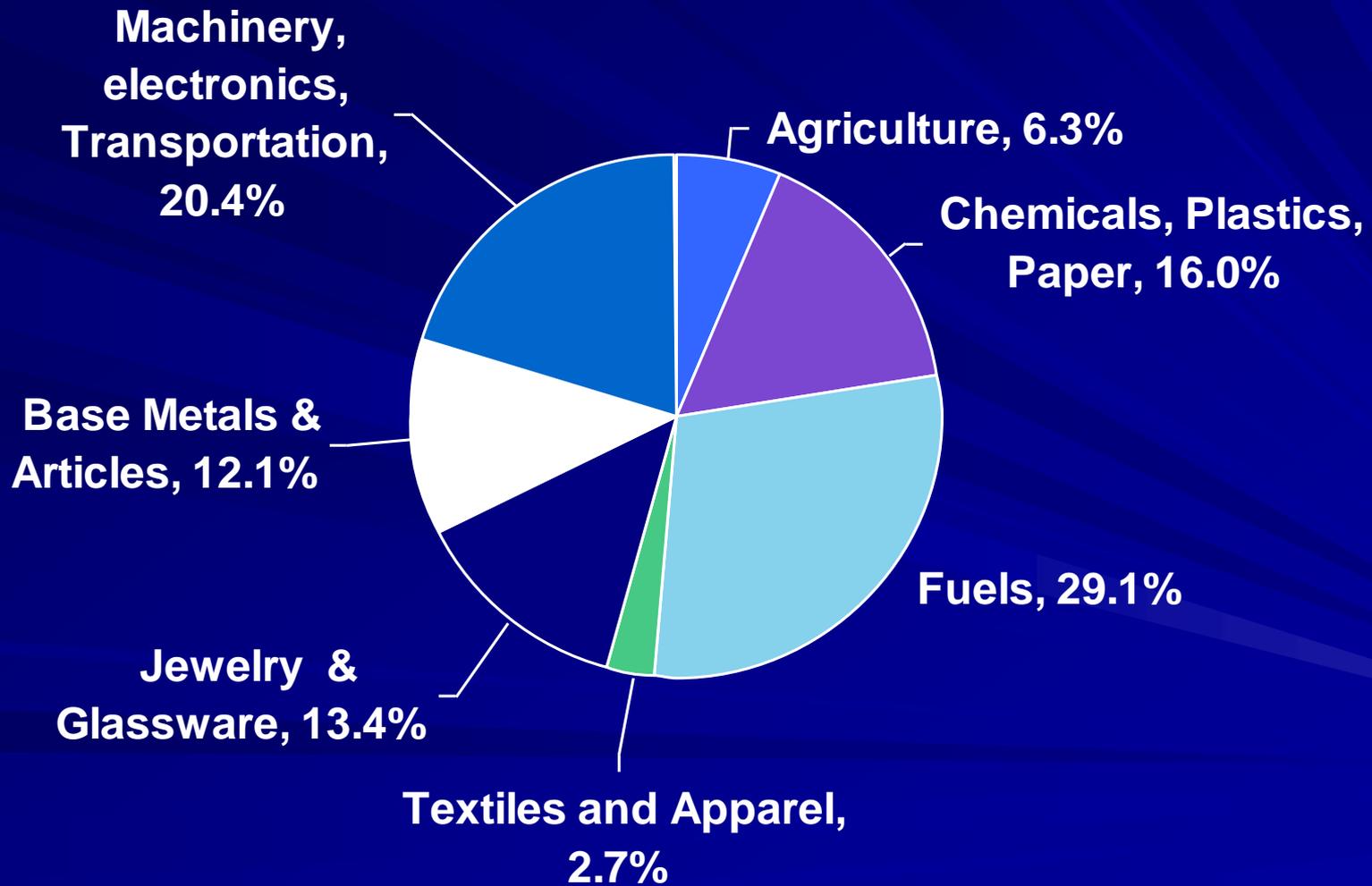
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108.86		\$ 51,840.00		A. LIO CODE 359	
Total Other Fees \$ 173.66		Total Other Fees \$ 173.66		B. Ascertained Duty	
36. DECLARATION OF IMPORTER OF RECORD (OWNER OR PURCHASER) OR AUTHORIZED AGENT		37. Tax		C. Ascertained Tax	
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I will immediately furnish to the appropriate CBP officer any information showing a different statement of facts.		39. Other		E. Ascertained Total	
41. DECLARANT NAME		TITLE		DATE	
42. Broker/Filer Information (Name, address, phone number)		43. Broker/Importer File No. 6841		10/12/2006	
RECORD		CBP Form 501 (04/05)			

# *Types of U.S. imports that received GSP duty-free treatment in 2007*



# ***GSP Program***

- **Kyrgyzstan became a GSP beneficiary on December 29, 1993**
- **GSP provides duty-free treatment to 3,400 types of exports from Kyrgyzstan**
- **Gives Kyrgyzstan exports an advantage in U.S. market – lower cost to U.S. importers**
- **GSP is a major source of U.S. imports: \$30.8 billion in 2007**

# ***U.S. Imports from Kyrgyzstan Under GSP***

- **\$30,000 in 2007; 2006: \$20,000**
- **Kyrgyzstan is 99th largest user of GSP benefits (2007)**
- **1.6 percent of all U.S. imports from Kyrgyzstan enter under GSP**
- **Just 9 product types entered from Kyrgyzstan under GSP in 2006 & 2007**

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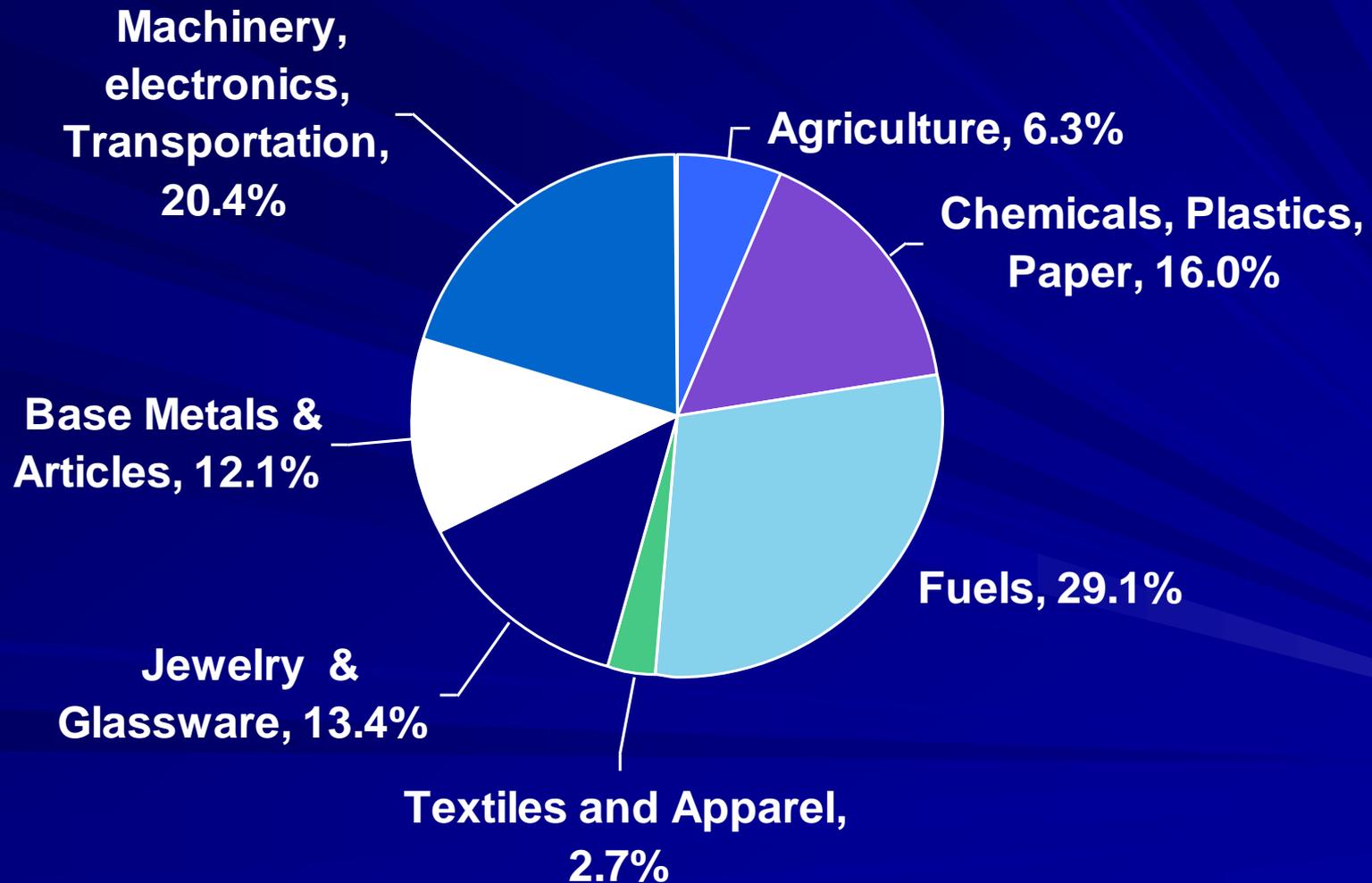
# *Other U.S. Imports from Kyrgyzstan under GSP*

- Plastic Hangers (\$7,000 imported since 2006) - \$200 in duties saved (3%) since 2006
- Artificial Flowers (\$900) - \$157 in duties saved (17%)
- Pillows (non-cotton) (\$1,700) - \$104 in duties saved (6%)
- Headgear (non-rubber, -plastic, or –furskin) (\$600 - \$51 in duties saved (8.5%))
- Silk Blend Shawls and Scarves (\$962) - \$12 in duties saved (1.2%)

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# ***Claim the GSP Savings!***

- **U.S. imported \$333,796 in GSP-eligible goods from Kyrgyzstan in 2007**
- **But \$305,845 of those imports were not claimed under GSP**

# ***Claim the GSP Savings!***

- **As a result, U.S. importers paid \$12,100 in duties unnecessarily in 2007**
- **In 2006, \$39,000 duties were paid unnecessarily**

# ***Top GSP-eligible Imports by Duties Paid***

- **Just 8.4% of GSP-eligible imports were claimed in 2007 (well below 88% average of all GSP beneficiaries):**
  - **Glaziers' putty: \$254,000 in trade since 2006 @ 3.7% duty = \$9,400 paid unnecessarily**
  - **Silicones: \$135,000 in trade @ 3% = \$4,000 paid unnecessarily**
  - **Aluminum doors and windows: \$149,000 in trade @ 5.7% duty = \$8,500 paid unnecessarily**

# ***Other Unclaimed Imports***

- **Dried fennel, ground fruits**
- **Paints, putties, polymers & silicones**
- **Rubber & plastic tubes, plates, & belts**
- **Handbags, belts, jackets, dresses, & scarves**
- **Iron, steel, copper, aluminum, lead & base metal items**

# *Questions?*

## Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

**GSP Guidebook, lists of GSP-eligible and ineligible products, notices:**

- [http://www.ustr.gov/Trade\\_Development/Preference\\_Programs/GSP/Section\\_Index.html](http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Development/Preference_Programs/GSP/Section_Index.html)

## U.S. Tariff Schedule

- <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts>

## Department of Homeland Security:

### Customs & Border Protection

- <http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/import/>
- Customs Entry Form 7501:  
<https://forms.customs.gov/customsrf/getformharness.asp?formName=cf-7501-form.xft>

# *Spasibo!*



***Annex***

***Step-by-Step***

***How to Claim GSP Benefits***

# 1) GSP eligibility

(1) Product must be included in U.S. tariff list of GSP-eligible articles: Free (A...) or Free (A+...) in last column on right

- Or use this lookup address on the web:  
[http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/gsp/gsp\\_tariff.asp](http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/gsp/gsp_tariff.asp)

6307.90.75	00	Toys for pets, of textile materials .....	No. .... kg	4.3%	Free (BH,CA, CL,E*,IL, J*,JO, MX, P,SG) 1.8% (MA) 3% (AU)
6307.90.85	00	Wall banners, of man-made fibers .....	kg .....	5.8% <u>1/</u>	Free (A,BH,CA, CL,E,IL,J, CL,IL,JO, MX, P,SG)

## ***2) Imported directly***

**Product must be imported directly from Kyrgyzstan to the United States or pass through another country on a “through bill of lading” with a U.S. destination.**

# ***3) Product origin***

- **Cost of local inputs and labor must equal 35% of product's FOB price to be from Kyrgyzstan**
- **If imported item, it must be “substantially transformed” in Kyrgyzstan and then used in product production**
- **“Substantially transformed” means the item's name, character, or use differs from when it was imported**

# 4) *GSP must be requested*

U.S. importer (not exporter) **MUST REQUEST**  
duty-free treatment for the item

- Is NOT automatic
- Importer writes an “A” before tariff number on Customs entry form 7501
- If importer makes a mistake and does not request GSP: can file a “Post-Entry Amendment” to U.S. Customs within 294 days